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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

1. DURING FINAL WEEK OF AUGUST SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES (C/C), CONSENSUS PROVED DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES. PRINCIPAL REASON WAS AN EXTREMELY HEAVY-HANDED PERFORMANCE BY YUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE PAVICEVIC, SEEMINGLY DIRECTED TOWARDS A (NON-EXISTANT) THIRD WORLD GRANDSTAND. COMMITTEE WILL MEET NEXT IN SEPTMEBER TO APPROVE ITS REPORT TO 31ST UNGA, AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN APPROVED CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES NECESSITATED BY RECENTLY CONCLUDED SUMMER SESSION OF ECOSOC.

2. DECISIONS TAKEN OR POSTPONED INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

A. GUIDELINES (CRP 23, AMENDMENT 1). ALTHOUGH GUIDELINES PROPOSED BY SECT REPRESENTED NO MORE THAN A SUMMARY OF THOSE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY UNGA, IT PROVED POSSIBLE FOR C/C TO ENDORSE ONLY 1, 2, 3 AND 5, WITH AMENDMENTS TO 1 AND 5. YUGOSLAVS, WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM NIGERIA AND ROMANIA, BLOCKED COMMITTEE ACCEPTANCE OF GUIDELINE 4 ON INFORMAL MEETINGS,

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DESPITE EFFORTS BY US, UK, USSR, FRANCE, CANADA, PHILIPPINES

AND CHAIRMAN THOMAS (T AND T) TO FIND ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE. SAME GROUP OBJECTED TO INCLUSION GUIDELINE 6 UNLESS IT ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE PROVISION IN UN REGULAR BUDGET ON NON-HEADQUARTERS MEETING COSTS, WHICH CONTRARY TO PARA 10 OF UNGA RES 2609 (XXIV); YUGOSLAV ALSO OBJECTED TO PARTS OF WUIDELINE 7 ALTHOUGH SECT POINTED OUT THAT THIS VERBATIM EXTRACT FROM RESOLUTION 2609. COMITE ADOPTED "SOLUTION" WHEREBY EXISTING TEXTS ON GUIDELINES 4, 6 AND 7 WERE REAFFIRMED. IN EFFECT, PRINCIPLES FAVORED BY US WERE MAINTAINED.

B. TIMING OF MEETINGS. THUS FAR ONLY UNSCEAR HAS GIVEN POSITIVE REPLY SUGGESTING IT MIGHT BEGIN BIENNIAL MEETINGS IN 1978. COMITE ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTER SPACE COMITE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RECONSIDER NEGATIVE REPLIES, WHICH MANY DELEGATIONS FOUND UNCONVINCING. REPLIES FROM OTHERS ARE PENDING.

C. QUOTA SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH MAJORITY, INCLUDING US, UK, USSR, FRANCE, CANADA, COLOMBIA AND PERU WILLING TO RECOMMEND TRIAL RUN AT QUOTA SYSTEM, YUGOSLAVS OBSTINATELY OPPOSED, TO POINT OF DEMANDING THAT EACH DELS VIEWS BE RECORDED IN REPORT WITH LISTING OF ABSENTEES RATHER THAN ACCEPT USUAL "MAJORITY FAVORED" LANGUAGES COMMITTEE WILL NOTE FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN ITS REPORT.

D. CALENDARS OF CONFERENCES. COMMITTEE APPROVED REQUEST OF COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION TO HOLD ITS SUMMER SESSIONS IN NEW YORK, ALTHOUGH COMITE SECRETARIAT IS PERMANENT IN GENEVA. U.S., FRANCE AND CANADA INITIALLY OPPOSED ON GROUNDS OF PRINCIPLE. SECRETARIAT NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF AVAILABILITY OF INTERPRETERS, NEW YORK WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE AND THAT CONVENTION ON DISCRIMINATION (WHICH PROVIDED FOR MEETINGS AT UN HEADQUARTERS) "WAS OPERATIVE" REGARDLESS OF GA RESOLUTION 2609. COMITE CONCURRED, BUT WITH INSERT IN RECORD POINTING TO CONFLICT BETWEEN CONVENTION AND RESOLUTION AND EXPRESSLY INSERTING LEGAL OPINION. THIS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH UNIQUE NATURE OF CASE AND ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY ITS BEING USED AS A PRECEDENT. HERE TOO, YUGOSLAV OPPOSED STATING THE OBVIOUS.
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